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1. The majority of the Peruvian Union Revolucionaria (UR) has supported the action of its leader, Luis Alberto Flores, in breaking with President Odria, although there is some division of opinion in the party. Flores still fears that he is on Odria's deportation list. Representatives of the UR and the Liga Democratica, to which the Communist Party is giving secret support, were expected to renew conversations during the first of May concerning the possibility of forming a political alliance to oppose the Odria candidates in the 2 July elections.
2. The Political Commission of the Peruvian Communist Party (PCP) has been advised by spokesmen of the Liga Democratica that the Liga will announce a presidential candidate in the near future. The Liga, which has sent representatives to various parts of the country to sound out public opinion, is awaiting the return to Lima of these individuals before making a decision. It is not known whether General Ernesto Montagne, whom the Liga favors, would be willing to accept."
3. The Liga still hopes to obtain permission for a demonstration in Arequipa later in May, although, as anticipated, the projected Liga demonstration there which was scheduled for late April failed to materialize.

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4. [redacted] has submitted a report, [redacted] 25X1A that Andres Dasso, leader of Union Democratica, the group of small political parties which originally proclaimed Odria's presidential candidacy, is withdrawing from political activity. Although Dasso's action may be due to his ill health, it is reported that he has become discouraged over the political bickering and intrigues of the past two months.
5. There is also some confusion and discontent in the ranks of the followers of former President Manuel Prado. While a good many Pradistas appear to be supporting Odria, some influential Pradistas are completely passive toward Odria's candidacy. The Héro Quesadas continue to follow their traditional policy of political neutrality. 25X1A

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